

## **STATEMENT FOR THE RECORD**

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### **SUMMARY**

Nuclear power is a critical part of our nation's electricity supply. America's 103 reactors cleanly and reliably produce electricity to power one of every five U.S. homes and businesses.

The nuclear energy industry fully supported the H.R. 6 conference report of the 108<sup>th</sup> Congress that you and your members shaped over the past two years. We understand that this is the starting point for your deliberations in this new Congress, and we applaud your leadership in getting a bill through the House expeditiously.

There are three key steps that this committee can take to ensure nuclear power remains a critical part of a diverse electricity portfolio that provides future generations with clean, reliable and affordable electricity.

The three steps are:

- pass comprehensive energy legislation that contains the necessary provisions for nuclear energy and other vital electricity sources to meet the challenges of adding baseload power plants, new transmission capability and other infrastructure
- support investment options to share the cost of the business risk of building the first few next-generation nuclear power plants
- consider several issues for action in this or subsequent legislation important to the long-term viability of nuclear energy, including the nation's used fuel repository at Yucca Mountain.

The industry backed H.R. 6, because it helped provide the framework for nuclear energy's future in the United States. We strongly support similar legislation in this Congress.